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Page 2 - (Reconsideration Of Restriction Requirement Under  
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- ✓ Page 19, line 17, after "oligodeoxynucleotide" and after "14-P-3"  
insert a comma -- , --, both occurrences.
- ✓ Page 19, line 18, after oligodeoxynucleotides" and "14-C-3"  
insert a comma -- , --, both occurrences.
- ✓ Page 21, line 6, after "cleavage of" and before  
"oligodeoxynucleotides" insert -- methylphosphonate-  
substituted --.
- ✓ Page 21, line 6, after "oligodeoxynucleotide" insert a comma -- , --.

**In the Claims:**

Add new claim 51 as follows:

*Def 381*  
--51. (New) A modified nucleotide compound which comprises at  
least one component selected from the group consisting of  $MN_3M$ ,  
 $B(N)_xM$  and  $M(N)_xB$  wherein:

*a*  
N comprises a phosphodiester-linked modified 2'-deoxynucleoside  
moiety;

M is a moiety that confers endonuclease resistance on said  
component and which comprises at least one nucleic acid base  
modified with a 3'-methylphosphonate;

B is a moiety that confers exonuclease resistance to the terminus  
to which it is attached and comprises a 2',3'-dideoxyribose nucleotide;  
and

x is an integer of about 2.--

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